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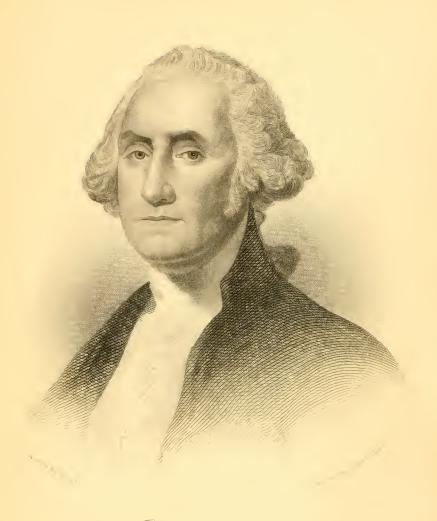












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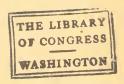
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PREFACE.

THE author of this work, having, in common with others, felt the want of a book which could truly be called a treatise on universal history, has undertaken the task of supplying such want; and, as the result of a great expense of time and labor, this volume is presented to the public.

For convenience, though somewhat arbitrarily, the work is divided into three parts, each containing the record of an important era in the history of the world. Book First contains an historical account of the ancient world, embracing the period from the Creation of Man to the Fall of the Western Roman Empire, A. D. 476. Book Second embraces the history of the Middle Ages, comprising the time from the Fall of the Western Roman Empire to the Discovery of America, inclusive. Book Third comprises a record of the modern period, describing the epoch from the Discovery of America to the present time.

Great historical events have been arranged logically rather than chronologically, and great care has been taken to detail facts in proportion to their relative importance. The author has also taken great pains to omit what is irrelevant, and he has selected from the great mass of historical matter those events which have exerted a controlling influence upon the destinies of the world.

The greatest prominence is given to the annals of those nations of ancient and modern times which have acted a leading part on the stage of the world's history; and, with this view, Greece and Rome are made to stand out with their due prominence among the nations of antiquity, while Germany, France, England, and America are exhibited as the leading actors in the modern drama.

To enable the reader or student to easily acquire and retain a knowledge of the facts related, and to observe their relation, the subject-matter of this work is arranged in many divisions and subdivisions; and each subject is minutely analyzed, and the outlines of the various subjects furnish appropriate headings for the different paragraphs.

In addition to a full account of the annals of the nations of the Old World, a complete history of the United States, up to the present time, is given; also a general history of the Spanish American Republics,—subjects which are not treated of to the same extent in other works of this kind.

The history of the United States is made to embrace the period of the first century of our existence as an independent nation; and a separate title-page is given to it. The history of our country is divided into three periods:—Ist. The period of the American Revolution; 2d. The period of national development, extending from the time of the adoption of our National Constitution in 1789 to the close of the war with Mexico; 3d. The period of the slavery agitation and the civil war, and recent events. All the leading events of each Administration are narrated, according to their relative importance, or their bearing upon the destinies of our country.

The Table of Contents embraces a general outline of the book, and is analytical. In the Chronological Index, the great events in the history of the human race are arranged in chronological order, and reference is made to the pages on which the events named, are found. In the Alphabetical Index, all the proper names found in the book are arranged alphabetically, with their pronunciation, and reference is also made to the pages on which they occur. The book, as arranged, is well adapted for general reading, for reference, and for private study.

With these few introductory remarks, the author submits the volume to the public, with the hope that it may prove of valuable service to the student of history and to the general reader.

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